(c) the percentage of work handled by the Chairman and members of newly constituted official language implementation committee at different levels in Hindi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) A large number of targets listed in the annual programme for the progressive use of Hindi have been achieved.

(b) The tenure of the last Hindi Advisory Committee expired on 30th November, 1995. Action for reconstituting the Hindi Advisory Committee has already been initiated.

(c) The Chairman and Members of the Official Language Implementation Committee do handle a reasonable amount of official work in Hindi.

[English]

D.A. To Pensioners

4379. SHRI P.C. CHACKO : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether some Central Administrative Tribunals have recommended/directed the Government to release forthwith D.A. to the family pensioners who have been appointed on compassionate grounds or already in service;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have gone in for appeal to the Supreme Court; and

(d) if so, the outcome of the case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS : (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN) : (a) to (d). As per existing orders, dearness relief on pension/family pension remains suspended during the period the pensioner/ Family pensioner is employed under the Central or State Government or a Corporation/Company/Body/Bank under them in India or abroad including permanent absorption in such organisations. The rationale for the decision is that a pensioner/family pensioner gets compensated during his employment against price rise by way of D.A. on pay. If dearness relief on pension/ family pension is also allowed it will amount to double compensation. Some Central Administrative Tribunals did allow D.R. on pension during employment. However, the Supreme Court, vide its Judgement dated 8.12.94 has upheld the Government decision of denying D.R. on pension/family pension during the course of employment. That view of Supreme Court has been confirmed by them again in their Judgement dated March 23, 1995.

Unemployment Wage

4380. SHRI SAMIK LAHIRI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are willing to pay unemployment wage to unemployed youths;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether any such scheme is in operation in any part of the world; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) to (e). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Welfare of Central Government Pensioners

4381. SHRI V.M. SUDHEERAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the action taken so far for the welfare of the Central Government pensioners;

(b) whether the Government considering to enhance the privileges, facilities and other benefits for the pensioners; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN) : (a) Welfare of the Central Government pensioners is a continuous process. Besides the terminal benefits like pension, (including commutation of pension) gratuity etc., the retired Central Government employees are also entitled to the facility of the Central Government Health Scheme on payment of nominal contribution based on the last pay drawn at the time of their retirement provided whenever such facilities are available.

(b) and (c). The Fifth Central Pay Commission under its terms of reference is required to examine existing pension structure including death-cum-retirement benefits and make suitable recommendations. Govt. will consider the recommendations made by the Pay Commission and take appropriate decisions.

Formulation of Ninth Plan

4382. SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO : Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether work on formulating the Ninth Plan has been started; and